HALF WAY THROUGH HIS TERM, LITHUANIAN PRESIDENT CONCERNS ARE PROTECTION OF SAVINGS, IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PRIVATIZATION AND BUDGET

VILNIUS, Aug 14, BNS - Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas, marking the end of the first half of his term of office, notes that the decline in production had been halted over this period and that in certain areas of the economy "an upswing could be observed."

In an interview with Lithuanian Television to be broadcast on Monday evening, President Brazauskas is still extremely cautious speaking of economy. However, the gross national product did increase last year, the president said. Discussing banking activities, Brazauskas called upon the government and central bank to propose legislation to the parliament without delay which would hold bank directors responsible in cases of bankrupcy and make it possible to compensate individuals

for savings lost.

LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT BONDS TO BE SOLD ABROAD

VILNIUS, Aug 17, BNS - Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius announced that Lithuanian government bonds would be sold abroad. At a press conference on Thursday, Slezevicius said authorization to sell government bonds would be given either to a Japanese or an American company.

The head of state said negotiations with these companies have not yet begun but that the government hoped to begin and conclude the agreements very soon. Slezevicius expects that the government bonds will be on the international market within a month.

The prime minister noted that the long-term bonds would be offered at "significantly lower interest rates" than in Lithuania. He said that selling the bonds only in Lithuania has increased the cost of loans in commercial banks.

JEWISH MEMORIAL IN LITHUANIA DESECRATED AGAIN

VILNIUS, Aug 15, BNS - A memorial, erected several years ago in a former Jewish cemetery, was desecrated on Sunday in Klaipeda. The Nazi slogan, "Juden raus" (Jews, get out), were scrawled on

the monument by unidentified individuals. This is the second such act of vandalism to occur this month. At the beginning of August, five tombstones in the Jewish graveyard in Vilnius were splattered with yellow paint and the same Nazi slogan was painted on one of them.